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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALGAR, 8, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street. GEORGE STREET, 30, Cornhill. GORDON & GOSCH, Ludgate Circus, E. C. BATES, HENDY & Co., 4, Old Jewry, E. C. BAKER, DEACON & Co., 150 & 152, Leadenhall Street.

NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 133, Nassau Street.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOSCH, Melbourne and Sydney.

SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally.—BEAN & BAKER, San Francisco.

CHINA.—SWATOW, QUELOH & CAMPBELL, Amoy, WILSON, NICHOLLS & Co., Foochow, HENDER & Co., Shanghai, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and KELLY & WALSH, Manila, C. HENDERSON & Co., Macao, L. A. DA GRAGA.

BANKS.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$5,000,000 Dollars.
RESERVE FUND, 200,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman.—E. R. BELLIOS, Esq.
Deputy Chairman.—AD. ANDER, Esq.
J. F. COOPER, Esq. S. W. POMEROY, Esq.
H. HOPKINS, Esq. F. D. SASSOON, Esq.
A. MULDER, Esq.

ACT. CHIEF MANAGER.

Hongkong, . . . THOMAS JACKSON, Esq. Manager.
Shanghai, . . . EYEN CAMERON, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED

ON Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 " " " "
" 12 " 5 " " " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Deposits, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,

Acting Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.
Hongkong, November 2, 1876.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned will sell by Public Auction, on

WEDNESDAY,

the 10th January, 1877, at 2 o'clock p.m., by order of F. S. HUFFAM, Esq., Acting Registrar and Official Assignee.

SUNDRY PROPERTIES, belonging to the Estate of Ho Foon and SIMMOONG LUN, trading under the Style of SHANE YUNE, Bankrupts.

At No. 14, Sub-long-ten.

Chinese Household Furniture, comprising: Blackwood Chairs, Teapots, Stools, Tables, Chandeliers, Clock, Pictures, Bed Planks and Stools, Cupboards, &c.

And,

At Belcher's Bay.

A Quantity of Timber, &c., comprising: 31 pieces of Hatwood, 35 pieces Small Yellow-Colored Hardwood, 181 pieces Hardwood, 39 pieces Pear Wood, 8 Spars, 3 pieces inferior kind, 42 pieces Crooks, 18 pieces Old Spars.

81 Old Ma. Wood, 2 inches.
41 " " 3 " "
111 " " 4 " "
100 " " 5 " "

A Large Quantity of broken pieces of Wood.

And,

14 Planks.

1 Winch, 2 Iron Buoys, 1 Iron Capstan, Saws, Ropes, Rattans, Blocks, Firewood, &c.

Also,

5 Wooden Hutches.

All that Piece or Parcel of Ground situated at Belcher's Bay and registered in the Land Office as Inland Lot No. 418, Sections A.M.N.O., and Sub-section No. 1 of Section B.

For further particulars, apply to the Undersigned.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchasers' risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,

Government Auctioneer.

Hongkong, January 5, 1877. ja10

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

M. R. H. C. KEDMANN has been admitted a Partner in our Firm, and Mr. ALFRED HERZ has been authorized to sign for us per Procuration.

OARLOWITZ & Co.
Hongkong, January 1, 1877. fe2

NOTICE.

THE BUSINESS of the Undersigned will henceforth be carried on under the Name or Style of H. KIER & Co.

H. KIER.
Hongkong, January 1, 1877. fe2

NOTICE.

M. R. WILHELM CARL ENGELBRECHT VON PUSTAU, Jurist, is authorized to sign our Firm.

W. PUSTAU & Co.
Hongkong, December 23, 1876. fe1

NOTICE.

M. R. LUDWIG SIGMUND LUTKENS is authorized to sign our Firm per Procuration.

W. PUSTAU & Co.
Hongkong, January 1, 1877. fe2

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has been appointed SURVEYOR to LLOYDS REGISTER at this Port.

R. H. OAIRNE,
1, Club Chambers,
Hongkong, April 20, 1876.

THE Interest and Responsibility in our Firm of the late Mr. J. C. KATON ceased with his death at Yokohama on the 27th of August last, and the Business will be carried on as heretofore and under the same Style and Firm by our Mr. H. KURIMANN.

Mr. RICHARD SCHÜNBURGER has been authorized to sign the Firm.

KRUSE & Co.
Hongkong, January 1, 1877. fe2

NOTICE.

M. R. FERDINAND NISSEN has been compelled to retire from our Firm in consequence of failing health, and his interest and responsibility ceased on the 31st December last.

Mr. NICOLAUS AUGUST SIEBS has been authorized to sign for us per Procuration. We have this day reopened a branch of our firm at Canton.

SIEMSEN & Co.
Hongkong, January 1, 1877. ap2

THE GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

HAVING returned to Hongkong, I have taken over the Management of the above company's Station from this Date.

A. SUNDENSON, Agent.
Hongkong, January 1, 1877. ja9

NOTICE.

VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

ON and after the 16th day of November, 1876, and until further notice, the BUSINESS of the above-named DISPENSARY will be carried on by the Undersigned.

WM. CRICKSHANK,
Manager.
Hongkong, November 21, 1876.

NOTICE.

THE Partnership hitherto existing between the Undersigned under the Firm of

G. RAYNAL & Co.
at this Port, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent.

GUSTAV RAYNAL,
CARL MILLISCH.
Macao, January 1, 1877. fe2

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of VISCOUNT DO CENAL in our Firm ceased from the 1st April 1876.

A. A. DE MELLO & Co.
Macao, January 1, 1877. fe5

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of the late Mr. ALFRED HUTCHINSON in our Firm Ceased on the 28th February 1876.

DEACON & Co.
Canton, January 1, 1877. fe2

NOTICE.

THE Partnership hitherto existing between the Undersigned under the name of MESTERN & HUISS has this day been dissolved by lapse of time, and the signature of the Firm will henceforth be used for the Liquidation only.

C. J. MESTERN,
W. HUISS.
Canton, December 31, 1876. ap2

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. CHARLES BEWICK QUELOH in our Firm Ceased on the 30th September, 1876. The Business will be Continued under the Style of QUELOH & CAMPBELL.

QUELOH & CAMPBELL.
Swatow, January 1, 1877. fe2

Intimations.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.

ARE NOW LANDING AN INVOICE OF

ROUYER GUILLET & Co.'s CELEBRATED BRANDY.

This BRANDY is well known in England, the Colonies, and India. The Firm possess Six Vineyards and Six Distilleries, and are amongst the largest shippers from Charente.

Qualities One *, Two **, Three ***, and Four ***, in Cases of One Dozen Quarts.

Also,

POMMERY & GRENOS

"Extra Sec." CHAMPAGNE,

in Quarts and Pints,

As supplied to the principal London Clubs.

Hongkong, January 5, 1877. [ap5]

Entertainments.

HONGKONG CHORAL SOCIETY.

PROGRAMME OF CONCERT

TO BE GIVEN AT THE CITY HALL, ON

Thursday Evening, January 11th, 1877.

Commencing at 9 o'clock.

PART I.

- No. 1. Overture.—"Crown Diamonds."—Auber.
- No. 2. Chorus.—"Galatea, dry thy tears" from "Aida and Galatea."—Handel.
- No. 3. Recitative and Air for Bass, from "The Creation."—Haydn.
- No. 4. Part-Song.—"The Sailor's Song."—Hutton.
- No. 5. Recitative.—"In splendour bright" Trio and Chorus.—"The heavens are telling, from "The Creation."—Haydn.

PART II.

- No. 6. Trio for Pianoforte, Violin and Violoncello.—Hummel.
- No. 7. Part Song.—"Sleep, while the soft evening breezes blowing."—Bishop.
- No. 8. Song.—"Win the Whip."—Cherry.
- No. 9. Solo for Violoncello.—Andante from 2nd Concerto.—Gottmann.
- No. 10.—Part Song.—"Sir Knight, Sir Knight."—Macrone.
- No. 11.—Overture.—"La Cenerentola."—Rossini.

Tickets, Price \$2 each, may be obtained of Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and at the Door of the Hall on the night of the Concert.

T. G. WILLIAMSON,
Acting Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, January 5, 1877. ja12

Intimations.

TENDERS for the undermentioned Works to be Received at the Portuguese Consulate, Hongkong, on and after the 11th Instant:—For NEW COPPER, CASTLE IRON, NEW DECKS, FORECAST, NEW BRIDGE, WATER CLOSETS, BATH-ROOMS, and interior arrangements, &c., &c. REPAIRS to BOLLERS, &c., &c.—all as per specification.

For further particulars apply on Board the "Tejo," which will arrive in Hongkong on or about the 10th Instant.

F. AMARAL,
Commander "Tejo."
Macao, January 6, 1877. ja11

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Twenty-first Ordinary Half-yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the CITY HALL, Victoria, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 26th January, instant, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of the Accounts, and electing Auditors.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
P. A. DA COSTA,
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 2, 1877. ja25

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 11th to the 26th Instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
P. A. DA COSTA,
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 2, 1877. ja26

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Hongkong, January 5, 1877. [ap5]

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR MANILA.

The Spanish Steamer "LEYTE" will be despatched for the above Port, on TUESDAY, the 9th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to A. MACG. HEATON.
Hongkong, January 5, 1877. ja9

FOR SINGAPORE AND PENANG.

The Steamship "NAMOA" Capt. WATSON, will be despatched for the above Port on TUESDAY, the 9th Instant, at 2 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, January 3, 1877. ja9

FOR COOKTOWN AND SYDNEY.

(Taking through Cargo for MELBOURNE.) The Eastern and Australian Mail Steam Co.'s Steamer "SINGAPORE" will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 16th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
Hongkong, January 6, 1877. ja15

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

Calling at SINGAPORE AND PENANG. The Steamship "ALTONA" Captain MILLER, will be despatched as above on or about the 18th Instant.

For Freight, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
Hongkong, January 4, 1877.

FOR LONDON.

The Steamship "GLENFINLAS" Captain WILCOX, due from Shanghai and Foochow on or about the 6th Proximo, will have immediate despatch as above.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, December 26, 1876.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSEAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship "TIBRE" Comdt. DE GIRARD, will be despatched for YOKOHAMA shortly after the arrival of the next French Mail.

H. DE POUEY,
Agent.
Hongkong, January 6, 1877.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSEAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship "ATA" Comdt. HERRANDEZ, will be despatched for SHANGHAI shortly after her arrival from Europe.

H. DE POUEY,
Agent.
Hongkong, January 6, 1877.

Shipping.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The A 1 American Barque "ANTIOCH" THOMAS MERRILL, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have early despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, January 8, 1877. fe3

FOR NEW YORK.

The A 1 British Clipper Barque "UNANIMA" CALM, Master, will load here and at Whampoa for the above Port, and meet with early despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, January 5, 1877. fe5

FOR LONDON.

(If sufficient inducement offers.) The S 3 L. 1. Russian Ship "VANADIS" WELAND, Master, will load here and have quick despatch.

For Freight, Sugar or Measurement, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
Hongkong, January 6, 1877.

FOR MANILA.

The Spanish Brig "SAN LORENZO" Prof. Master, will have quick despatch for the above Port.

For Freight or Passage, apply to REMEDIOS & Co.
Hongkong, January 4, 1877.

FOR LONDON.

The A 1 British Bark "HANTS COUNTY" will load here and have immediate despatch.

For Freight, apply to MEYER & Co.
Hongkong, December 30, 1876.

FOR LONDON.

The A 1 British Bark "QUEA" STABELL, Master, having the greater portion of her Cargo engaged, will load Tea and General Cargo here and (or) at Whampoa.

For Freight, apply to MEYER & Co.
Hongkong, November 29, 1876.

FOR LONDON.

The A 1 British Ship "ENGLAND'S GLORY" KNIGHT, Master, will load here and have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to MEYER & Co.
Hongkong, January 2, 1877.

FOR NEW YORK.

The A 1 American Ship "CUTWATER" CREELMAN, Master, will load here and will have quick despatch as above.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
Hongkong, January 2, 1877.

FOR HAMBURG.

The A 1 Danish Bark "FANO" Captain NORBY, will load here and at Whampoa, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
Hongkong, December 2, 1876.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The A 1 British Bark "TOKATEA" G. HARRISON, Master, will have quick despatch as above.

Intimations.

THE MEDICAL HALL,
37, Queen's Road, Hongkong.
ESTABLISHED 1853.
Tr. KOFFER, Proprietor.
Hongkong, April 23, 1876. ap28

HONGKONG.

Chs. J. GAUPP & Co.
WATCHMAKERS & JEWELLERS,
38, Queen's Road,
NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS,
CHRONOMETERS,
&c., &c., &c.,
Carefully Repaired, Cleaned and accurately
rated under guarantee.
All Repairs in the above line done at
reasonable rates and with despatch.
Hongkong, May 1, 1876. H

W. BALL,
CHINA DISPENSARY.

IMPORTER OF DRUGS, CHEMICALS,
DRUGGISTS' Sundries, TOILET
REQUISITES, PATENT MEDI-
CINES AND PERFUMES.
Prescriptions Dispensed with Carefulness
and Prompt Attention.

PRAYA WEST, HONGKONG,
Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf.
Hongkong, July 13, 1876.

AN YON,
SHIPS' COMPARE AND
STEVEDORE,
No. 57, Praya West.
SHIPPING SUPPLIED WITH ALL KINDS OF
COAL, WATER, BALLAST, FRESH
PROVISIONS & OILMAN'S
STORES.
Of the best quality and at the shortest notice.
Hongkong, May 1, 1876.

For Sale.

JUST RECEIVED,
A consignment of the Celebrated Toilet Requisite
"AMYOS."

IT is an Excellent COSMETIC.
As a HAIR RESTORER it is unrivalled.
As a MOUTH WASH it is very agree-
able, making the breath fragrant, and Pre-
serving and Whitening the TEETH.
It removes PIMPLES or Eruptions of
the skin.
And is a Powerful Disinfectant.
Sole Agent, W. BALL,
China Dispensary, Hongkong.
Hongkong, December 13, 1876. ja12

NOW READY.

"THE FOLK-LORE OF CHINA,"
AND ITS AFFINITIES WITH THAT OF THE
ARABIAN AND HEBREW RACES.
By N. B. DENNETT, F.R.S.
"Instructive and amusing enough to
command a ready sale."—Daily Press.

For Sale by
Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.;
LAMBERT, ATKINSON & Co.; FALCONER
& Co.; McEWEN, FRANKEL & Co.; GAUPP
& Co., and KERR & Co.,
Or can be had of the Author, at the CITY
HALL, Hongkong.

London, ... TRUBNER & Co.
Shanghai, ... Messrs KELLY & WALSH.
Price:—Half Bound Roan, \$2.00.
Paper Covers, \$1.50.
Hongkong, December 13, 1876.

To-day's Advertisements.

MACAO HOTEL,
PRAYA GRANDE, MACAO.

ON the 20th Instant, a First Class
HOTEL will be OPENED, under
the above title, in Spacious, Commodious,
and well-furnished Premises on the Praya
Grande.
Every attention will be paid to the com-
fort of Visitors.
Wines, Spirits and Estates of the best
quality only supplied. Terms moderate.
J. P. DE CAMPOS,
Proprietor.
Macao, January 6, 1877.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Arratoon* appears, Captain
MASTERS, having arrived from the
above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are
hereby requested to send in their Bills of
Lading for counter-signature to the Under-
signed, and to take immediate delivery
of their Goods.
Cargo impeding the discharge will be
at once landed and stored at Consignees'
risk and expense.
DAVID SASSON, SONS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, January 6, 1877. ja13

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor
Owners will be Responsible for any
Debts contracted by the Officers or Crew
of the following Vessels, during their stay
in Hongkong Harbour:—

VERA, German barque, Capt. A. Dirks.
—Malchers & Co.
MADAME DEYONNE, British barque,
Captain O. H. Bessit, Gibb, Livingston
& Co.
BETHANY, German barque, Captain
A. Haje, —Malchers & Co.
HOPEWELL, British barque, Capt. George
F. Paterson, —Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
BETHANY, British barque, Captain
E. W. Orlip, —Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
FIVE O'CLOCK, British barque, Captain
E. Williams, —Turner & Co.
JANIS, German schooner, Captain O.
Hansen, —Carlowitz & Co.
HARRY CUNY, British barque, Captain
J. W. Cochran, —Meyer & Co.

To-day's Advertisements.

SAYLE & Co.

BEG to Solicit inspection of their WIN-
TER STOCK.
Rich Black Glacé and Grosgrain SILKS,
from the Best French Makers.
Coloured Grosgrain and Fancy SILKS,
Black, White and Coloured SATINS.
Japanese SILKS, Better and Cheaper
than ever.
Fancy DRESS MATERIALS, in all
the New TEXTURES, ALL WOOL
SERGES, Scotch WOOL PLAIDS, French
MERINOS.
Ladies' Ready-made COSTUMES, Ball
DRESSES, Opera CLOAKS.
Black and Coloured SILK VELVETS.
Black and Coloured VELVETEENS.
The Newest SHAPES in Silk, Velvet,
and Cloth JACKETS.
Children's Cloth JACKETS.
Boys' Serge and Cloth SUITS, all Sizes.
Wool SHAWLS and Mountain WRAPS.
Ladies' Trimmed HATS and BONNETS,
Newest Styles, direct from Paris.
Untrimmed Felt and Straw HATS.
Children's Felt and Straw HATS.
RIBBONS, LACES, FEATHERS,
FLOWERS.
Ladies' Linen and Lace COLLARS and
CUFFS.
Swan-down and Fur TRIMMINGS,
Swan-down MUFFS, COLLARS and
PELLETTES.
Infants' ROBES, CLOAKS and PE-
LISSES.
Infants' HOODS, HATS and BONNETS.
Ladies' and Children's UNDER-CLOTH-
ING.
Fancy Flannel Dressing GOWNS and
Morning WRAPPERS.
KID GLOVES.
Ladies' and Children's BOOTS and
SHOES.
MILKMAKERS and DRESSMAKING.
Sole Agents for the "LITTLE WANDER"
SEWING MACHINE.
SAYLE & Co.,
VICTORIA EXCHANGE,
Queen's Road & Stanley Street.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

LAND, PROPERTY AND TIMBER,
&c.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have
received instructions to sell by
Public Auction, (unless previously dis-
posed of by Private Sale) on the Premises
at Wauchai, on

MONDAY,

the 22nd January, 1877, at Noon,—
The following PIECES or PARCELS
of
GROUND, with the BUILDINGS
erected thereon, belonging to
Messrs S. E. BURROWS & SONS.

FIRST.
That PIECE or PARCEL of GROUND,
Registered in the Land Office as
MARINE LOT No. 107, adjoining the
Police Station No. 2, at Wan-
chai, with the TWO First Class
GRANITE GODOWNS erected
thereon, viz:—
GODOWN No. 43, fronting on the
Praya 52½ feet, by an average of
73 feet Deep. Capacity about
1,300 Tons. Crown Rent, \$51 per
Annum.
GODOWN No. 44, adjoining above,
Two Stories, also fronting on the
Praya 52½ feet, by an average of
97 feet Deep. Capacity about
3,000 Tons. Crown Rent, \$69 per
Annum.
Each Godown, with the Land on which
it is erected, will be put up separately.

SECOND.
That PIECE or PARCEL of GROUND,
Registered in the Land Office as
MARINE LOT No. 121, at Wauchai,
and formerly known as THE HONG-
KONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COM-
PANY'S YARD, fronting on the Praya
100 feet, by an average of 144 feet
deep, containing 14,400 square feet.
Crown Rent, \$180 per Annum.

THIRD.
About 86,000 Superficial feet of ORE-
GON PINE LUMBER, 2, 3 and
4 inches, in Lots to suit Purchasers.
Also,
Sundry Lots of TEAK and SINGA-
PORE TIMBER, SHIP'S
KNEES, WINCHES, BLOCKS,
OLD IRON, SOALES,
&c., &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE:—
The LAND and GODOWNS.—One-half
of the Purchase Money to be paid on
the fall of the hammer, and the balance
on completion of the Deed of Transfer,
the expenses of which to be paid by the
Purchaser. The Property to be at Pur-
chaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.
The TIMBER and MOVABLE LOTS.—
Cash before delivery in Mexican Dol-
lars, weighed at 7.1.7. All lots, with
all faults and errors of description, at
Purchaser's risk on the fall of the
hammer.
For further Particulars, apply to
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.,
Auctioneers,
Hongkong, January 6, 1877. ja22

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.
Jan. 7, *Sindh*, French steamer, 2148
Regat, Shanghai Jan. 6, Mails and
General.—Messrs. MASTERS.
Jan. 7, *Fugue*, Chi. str. from Canton;
General.—Messrs. MASTERS.
Jan. 7, *Namoa*, British steamer, 882,
G. Westoby, Foochow Jan. 3, Amoy 4,
and Swatow 6, General.—Messrs. L.
FRANK & Co.
Jan. 7, *Heron*, British barque,
281, F. A. Koch, Swatow Jan. 6, Ballast
—LANDSTERN & Co.
Jan. 7, *Fallax*, German barque, 421, D.
Balloch, Nagasaki Jan. 1, Coal and General.
—STRANGLAN & Co.
Jan. 7, *Caribou*, American barque, 550,
P. J. Forbes, Portland Nov. 6, General.
—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Jan. 8, *Glenfalta*, British steamer, 1366,
W. G. Wilcox, Amoy Jan. 7, Tea.—J.
BIRD, MATHESON & Co.
Jan. 8, *Singapore*, British steamer, 964,
J. H. Peake, Sydney Dec. 2, via Moreton
Bay 8, Keppel Bay, Bowen, Townsville,
Cooktown 12, and Singapore 23, Mails and
General.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.
Jan. 8, *Arratoon*, British steamer,
1392, A. B. MacTavish, Pearl Harbor, 20,
Penang 26, and Singapore 29, General.—
DAVID SASSON, SONS & Co.
Jan. 8, *Hants County*, British barque,
841, G. W. Cochran, Swatow Jan. 7, Sugar
—MEYER & Co.
Jan. 8, *Thales*, British steamer, 820,
Chas. Orlip, Hongkong Jan. 29, Rice—
DOUGLAS, FRANK & Co.
Jan. 8, *Obikwang*, British steamer, 780,
Hogg, Shanghai Jan. 6, General.—SIMP-
SON & Co.

DEPARTURES.
Jan. 7, *Charles Mowat*, for Quinon.
7, *Hopewell*, for Falmouth.
7, *Amoy*, for Hongkong.
8, *Prima*, for London, &c.
8, *Fugue*, for Shanghai.
8, *Marie Louise*, for Amoy.
8, *Chinkiang*, for Canton.

CLEARED.
Douglas, for Canton Ports.
Penedo, for Singapore & Bangkok.
Yungpo, for Shanghai.
Norona, for Swatow.
Chas. Orlip, for Singapore and London.
Mount Washington, for Hilo.
Kale Waters, for Melbourne.
Madagascar, for Guam.
Kronprinz Gustaf, for London.

PASSENGERS.
ARRIVED.
Per *Sindh*, from Shanghai, Messrs. Hor-
fall, Thomas W. Williams, MacPherson,
and Robins, 1 Japanese, 3 children and 18
Chinese.
Per *Marcellus*, Messrs. Roberts and
2 children, Messrs. Tillet and Osmarovsky.
Per *Namoa*, from Coast Ports, Messrs.
O. B. Thatcher, Maudslayi, Dircks, Captain
Vincent, and 160 Chinese.
Per *Singapore*, from Townsville, Mr. E.
Pannizza, from Brisbane, Revd. Wilton
Hack, from Singapore, Mr. Walker, and
304 Chinese.
Per *Arratoon* appear, from Calcutta, &c.,
Messrs. J. Knox Wright, &c., M. Eckel, J.
Sorbajee, Munchojee, Reuben and Joseph,
and 156 Chinese.
Per *Chinkiang*, from Shanghai, Mr.
Whitely, and 65 Chinese.
Per *Fallax*, from Nagasaki, 1 Japanese.
Per *Glenfalta* from Amoy for Singapore,
291 Chinese.
Per *Thales*, from Bangkok, 8 Chinese.

DEPARTED.
Per *Charles Mowat*, for Quinon, 16
Chinese.
Per *Fugue*, for Shanghai, 1 European
and 30 Chinese.
Per *Prima*, for Straits, several Chinese.
Per *Marie Louise*, for Amoy, 20 Chinese.
To DEPART.
Per *Penedo*, for Singapore, &c., 2 Euro-
pean deck, and 300 Chinese.
Per *Glenfalta*, for Singapore, &c., 3
Europeans, and 290 Chinese.
Per *Mount Washington*, for Hilo, 4
Chinese.
Per *Kronprinz Gustaf*, for London, 1
European.

SHIPPING REPORTS.
The French steamer *Sindh* reports:
Saw a P. & O. Steamer abreast of Tuen-
about on the 6th at 3 p.m. Had fine
weather with N.E. wind and slightly hazy.
The British steamer *Namoa* reports:
Fresh in Amoy.—Str. *Chang Hock Kien*,
and H.M.S. *Nasau*, in Swatow.—Str.
Montgomery and *Tenille*.
The British steamer *Glenfalta* reports:
left Amoy at 4.30 a.m. on the 7th, and had
moderate N.E. monsoon and fine weather.
Passed S. S. *Yess* off Chapel Island.
The British steamer *Arratoon* reports:
left Amoy at 4.30 a.m. on the 7th, and had
moderate N.E. monsoon and high sea up
to Lat. 19 N., afterwards moderate to
arrival.
The British steamer *Chinkiang* reports:
Had fresh monsoon and fine weather
throughout. Passed S. S. *Europe* off
Gutland on the 5th.
The British steamer *Singapore* reports:
Left Sydney on the evening of Saturday
the 2nd December, arriving at Brisbane on
the evening of the 4th, having had a strong
Southern wind all the way. We lay in
Moreton Bay at anchor until the 7th, when
we received the mails, and proceeded
towards Keppel Bay; arriving there at
midnight on the 8th, received mails and
proceeded for Bowen, where we arrived at
6 a.m. on the morning of the 10th. Re-
ceived despatches and proceeded towards
Townsville, arriving there same afternoon
at 5 p.m. Leaving there at 6 p.m., we
arrived at Cooktown at 7.30 p.m. on the 11th;
after receiving about 100 Chinese passengers
for Hongkong, we proceeded next day at
5 p.m., arriving at Somerset on the
morning of 14th; received despatches and
about 20 tons of Pearl Shell for London,
proceeding the same evening towards
Singapore. Passed the Company's S. S.
Normandy off Little Island; and experi-
enced heavy rain and thunder storms for
the last few days. Arrived at Singapore
at noon on the 26th inst., and left again on
the 28th; we arrived here at midnight last
night having had strong head winds and a
very high sea, running all the way from
Singapore.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.
MAILS will close:—
For SWATOW.—
Per *NORZA*, at 7.30 a.m. To-morrow,
the 8th inst., instead of as previously
notified.
For SINGAPORE, SOER & LONDON.—
Per *GLENFALTA*, at 8.30 a.m. To-
morrow, the 8th inst.
For HONOLULU.—
Per *MT. WASHINGTON*, at 11.30 a.m.
To-morrow, the 8th inst.
For MANILA.—
Per *LEYTE*, at 1.30 p.m. To-morrow,
the 8th inst.
For SAIGON.—
Per *OCCEAN*, at 4.30 p.m. To-morrow,
the 8th inst., instead of as previously
notified.
For SINGAPORE & PENANG.—
Per *NAMOA*, at 2.30 p.m., on Tuesday,
the 8th inst.
For HONGKONG.—
Per *SCHUCHEN*, at 11.30 a.m., on
Wednesday, the 10th inst.
For COOKTOWN AND SYDNEY.—
Per *SINGAPORE*, at 11.30 a.m., on
Monday, the 15th inst. Mails will
also be closed for other ports of
Australia, New Zealand, and
Tasmania, 5 days later.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS BY THE FRANKLIN PACKET.—
The French Contract Packet *SEINE*,
will be despatched on THURSDAY,
the 11th January, 1877, with
Mails to and through the United
Kingdom and Europe, via Marseilles;
to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Galle,
Pondicherry, Madras, Calcutta,
Bombay, Aden, Suez, and Alex-
andria.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.—
The United States Mail Packet *CITY OF*
TOKIO, will be despatched on MON-
DAY, the 15th instant, with Mails for
Japan, San Francisco, the United
States, and London, which will be
closed as follows:—
2 p.m. Registry of Letters closes.
2.30 p.m. Post-office closes.

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.—
The English Contract Packet *GEELENG*,
will be despatched with the Mails
for Europe, &c., on THURSDAY,
the 18th inst.

General Memoranda.

WEDNESDAY, January 10:—
2 p.m.—Sale of Furniture, Timber, and
Ground, at Sak-tung-tai.

THURSDAY, January 11:—
Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of
Call and Europe.
9 p.m.—H. K. Choral Society's Concert
at the City Hall.
9 p.m.—Meeting of Victoria Lodge.
Transfer Books of H. C. & M. Steam-
boat Co. closed from this date till 25th
Instant, inclusive.
Tenders for the Repairs of the gunboat
Tjo will be received at the Portuguese
Consulate from this date.

FRIDAY, January 12:—
Noon.—General Weekly Sale by Messrs
Lane, Crawford & Co.

MONDAY, January 15:—
Noon.—Singapore leaves for Cocktown
and Sydney.
3 p.m.—American Mail leaves for Yok-
ohama and San Francisco.

THURSDAY, January 18:—
Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports
of Call and Europe.
Alfons leaves for London on or about this
date.

MONDAY, January 22:—
Noon.—Sale of Ground, Timber, &c., at
Wauchai.

THURSDAY, January 25:—
2 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the
H. C. & M. Steamboat Co., Limited,
at City Hall.

THURSDAY, February 1:—
3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s
Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San
Francisco.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.
Noon.—*Loyte* leaves for Manila.
2 p.m.—*Namoa* leaves for Singapore and
Penang.
Goods per *Gordon Castle* undelivered
after this date subject to rent.
Goods per *Khina* undelivered after this
date subject to rent.

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Hongkong, June 1, 1876.

BIRTHS.

On the 7th January instant, at No. 21,
Hollywood Road, Hongkong, the Wife of
DANIEL E. CALDWELL, of a Daughter.
At Shanghai, on the 1st January, the
Wife of S. O. FARNSHAM, of a Son.
At Shanghai, on the 1st January, the
Wife of J. M. COPE, of a Son.
At Shanghai, on the 2nd January, the
Wife of E. F. HAGUE, of a Son.

The publication of this issue commenced
at 7.15 p.m.

THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, JAN. 6, 1877.

Some time ago a short article appeared
in these columns on the practicability of
establishing a trade route to south-west-
ern China via Maulmein and Zimé,
the latter being an important town about
150 miles from the borders of Yunnan,
and 800 miles from Maulmein. Maul-
mein is probably one of the nearest
western sea ports to Yunnan, and Zimé
lies in an almost direct line between
the two places. We have been tempted
to refer to this subject again by observing
that some information is afforded re-
specting the proposed route in some pa-
pers presented to Parliament "in con-
nection with the development of trade
between British Burmah and Western
China, and the Mission to Yunnan in
1874 and 1876." But before dealing with
the facts furnished in these papers it
will perhaps be well to state what is
already known of this route. It seems
that Zimé is already an important port

Chinese merchandise, and to it comes the
silks and crapes, the brocades and cotton,
the tea, copper, and musk, and a great
portion of the animal trade of China, in
caravans of 250 and 300 men and
horses. The population is a mixed one
of Shans, Talens, Burmans, Chinese,
and Siamese. According to report, the
route from Maulmein to Zimé is easy
enough, so far as the physical nature of
the country is concerned. Political
difficulties are also few if any, all that is
needed to overcome them being a con-
vention or some other arrangement with
the King of Siam, to whom the country
is subject. When once the road is
rendered safe, the China trade that comes
to Zimé, seeking an outlet by the sea,
will, it is believed, find an easy one by
way of Maulmein. This trade would
even now, come to Maulmein, we are
assured, but for the insecure state of the
country, which is not under proper
administration and, in fact, is not ad-
ministered at all. Robber bands in-
fested the whole road up to the confines
of the British territories, and caravans
or bodies of traders attempting the
journey fall a prey to these maraud-
ers. The journey rendered safe from
robbers there are actually no difficulties
in the way of travel between the two
places excepting those arising from the
physical configuration of the country,
which, as before observed, are not of an
important nature. In a despatch from
the Chief Commissioner of British
Burmah to the Indian Government,
published in the Parliamentary Papers
we have just alluded to, it is stated that
the valuable teak trade of Maulmein
largely depends on the timber obtained
from the forests in the State of Zimé,
and that the Siamese Government has
suffered much inconvenience and loss
from the unsatisfactory and insecure
state of affairs in the State, interfering,
as it does, with the timber trade, which
would otherwise largely expand and
prove a source of great wealth to the
Government. Not only has Zimé this
important commercial resource, but it is
also the centre of a very large misce-
laneous English piece-goods trade. What
is really required, continues the despatch,
is a British Agent permanently stationed
at Zimé to give security to traders.
By communications received from the
King of Siam, the Chief Commis-
sioner had been informed of the wish of
His Majesty to have a British Officer
definitely established there. We have
it on the authority of this despatch that
for a long period there has also been a
through trade by Zimé from Maulmein
to the Shan States, tributary to the King
of Burmah. As soon as the exploring
party from Saigon, who traversed, in
1877-78, the whole of the Laos country
from French Cochinchina to Yunnan,
crossed into the Shan States they found
English goods in the markets, and they
remarked that the clothes had been pre-
pared expressly for sale in these regions,
Burmese characters and designs being
woven into the cloth. The Shans are
said to be a people of stout and muscular
build, and of middle stature, the women
being fair and good looking. Chief
Commissioner Phayre, in his Adminis-
tration Report for 1865-66, says:—
"They (the Shans) are industrious and
energetic, long for free trade, and possess
a marvellous capacity for travelling as
petty traders. Their country having no
great navigable river, for the Salween is
full of rocks and rapids throughout its
course, all their trade is carried on by
land. Having no carts they carry their
goods hundreds of miles on the back of
bullocks or on their own shoulders. A
road, railway, or other route, from Ran-
gon (or Maulmein) through their States
to China would extend commerce with
this enterprising people and bring the pro-
ducts of Yunnan direct to British Bur-
mah." As we have on a previous occa-
sion pointed out, the fact of considerable
trade coming from China to Zimé at
the present time makes it sufficiently
clear that there must be a fairly good
road from that town to Yunnan, and the
opening of a route to Zimé must result
in the tapping of China more or less. An-
other advantage that would result from
the opening of the route would be the en-
couragement of Chinese emigration into
British Burmah and Siam, where labour, such
as the Chinese would be able to render,
is much needed. On the whole it is to
be hoped that the project will receive its
due share of attention in the future efforts
of the British Government to open a
route from and into the western pro-
vinces of China.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The *Lyemoo* arrived at Cocktown on 25th
November, fifteen days from Hongkong.

We learn that the steamer *Braemar Castle*
left Singapore for this port, on the 6th
instant.

We understand that the next entertainment
in the Temperance Hall will be given on
Monday next, when admission will be free.

We learn that the O. & O. S. S. *Gastie*,
from San Francisco December 16th, sails
for Yokohama for Hongkong to-morrow
(8th) at daylight.

The maximum temperature at the Peak
during the past week, was 83.0, the mini-
mum 61.0, at the Harbour-Master's Office,
the maximum was 88.5, and the minimum
57.5. No rain fell during the week.

The Postmaster General has issued the
following notice:—The Money Order
Branch of this department will in future
be closed at one o'clock every Saturday

afternoon. On other week days Money
Order business will be transacted from 10
a.m. to 4 p.m. as usual, and on the days
before the departure of the British and
French Contract Packets from 10 a.m. to
5 p.m.

The total rainfall for the year 1876,
according to the returns given in the
Government Gazette, was 104.02 inches.
Of this no less than 32.43 inches fell in the
month of August. February was the driest
month in the year, only 0.45 inch falling
in that month. The average rainfall in
Hongkong is 71 inches, from which it will
be seen that the past year was an excep-
tionally wet one.

There is a quiet self-complacency in the
tone of the Queensland papers to hand by
the *Singapore*, relative to the anticipated
advent of the new Governor, Sir Arthur
Kennedy. The precise date of His Ex-
cellency's departure from Hongkong has
not yet been definitely settled upon. As
the next steamer for Australia, however,
does not call at Brisbane, Sir Arthur will
not leave on the 15th, as was at first con-
sidered probable, but will wait for the
following vessel, which it is expected will
be despatched within the month.

The Band of the 28th Regiment will per-
form the following programme to-morrow
evening, commencing at 8.30 p.m.

Overture, *Le Dragon de Villars*, Mallart.
Grand Selection, *Faust*, Grouard.
Valse, *Pastoral Song*, Grouard.
Aria, *Il Trovatore*, Verdi.
Reminiscences, *Mosart*, Godfrey.
Gallops, *Wie Der Wind*, Faust.

God Save the Queen.

The following account, of the average
amount of bank notes in circula-
tion in Hongkong, during the month
ending 31st December, is published in
Saturday's Gazette:—

Banks.	Average Amount.
Oriental Bank Corporation,	\$ 303,127
Charter Bank of I. A. & Co.,	520,774
Chartered Bank of I. A. & Co.,	498,424
H. K. & S. Bank Corp.,	1,288,700
Total,	\$2,592,025

In acknowledging receipt of a very neatly-
printed pamphlet, entitled "The Catholic
Directory and Ecclesiastical Register for
the Vicariate Apostolic of Hongkong" for
1877, we must congratulate the "P. D." of
the Vicariate on the printing of the
work. For an amateur effort it is very
creditable. In the pamphlet—in addition
to much information regarding obligatory
holidays, days of devotion, fasting and
dispensations, hours of service, and various
indulgences—a calendar of the feasts held
during the year, and

noticing that the Armistice in the East has been prolonged for two months. It was understood that this extension had been stipulated for by Turkey, in case terms of peace had not been settled at the conclusion of the first six weeks; so it is difficult to draw any special conclusions from the fact. It would seem, however, that there must be at least some prospect of a settlement being come to.

TELEGRAMS were received from London yesterday (Jan. 3rd), says the *N. C. D. News*, quoting Silver 57d. firm, and exchange in consequence went up 2 in the course of the day.

THE bankers, merchants, and agents of Steamship Companies in Galia, have petitioned the Governor and Legislative Council of Galia, praying for the improvement of Galia harbour. The petitioners complain that the money annually voted for blasting and removing the rocks in the inner harbour had not been spent, and they ask that a lighthouse in a more prominent position, with a first class revolving light, should be substituted for the existing one with a light produced by ordinary kerosene oil lamps with weak reflectors. Further, they ask that the pilot service should be improved, and buoys and beacons placed on the Gindurah and other outside rocks which have been lately so fatal to steamers and sailing vessels. They urge that a commission of professional men should be appointed to examine and report upon the whole subject.

Not officially, but very confidently, the *Financial* can state the course resolved upon by the British Cabinet in the event of the Russians invading Turkey. A British corps d'armee will immediately occupy Constantinople; and the land front of the city, together with the lines of Gallipoli, commanding the European shores of the Dardanelles, will also be fortified and defended against all attacks—should attack come, which is more than doubtful. The land-front of Constantinople is not more than fifteen miles in breadth, and is not accessible upon more than one-half of that frontage; and the heavy artillery of the British iron-clads (themselves invulnerable to field artillery or ordinary siege guns) could take the flanks of this position for several miles inland. The European side of the Dardanelles can be defended with equal ease. It is calculated that not more than 25 thousand British troops would be required, and British Engineer officers are already engaged in making the surveys requisite for a thorough defence of the Turkish capital. Neither into Bulgaria nor Armenia will the British standards advance. England would simply and temporarily hold Constantinople in pledge, on behalf of the other Powers and of the world at large.

We (Singapore Times) learn from the *Madras Weekly Mail* that the condition of the famine stricken districts is no worse; in fact the Government seem to have been able to put a check on the further progress of the formidable enemy. Supplies of food are, thanks to the railways, being poured into the affected districts in enormous quantities, and the evil the people have to contend with now is dear food instead of no food at all. With relief works in progress all over the country, where the poor can find employment and obtain subsistence, the present position may be maintained, it is hoped, until the crisis is passed. The only element of danger at present is the chance that the supply of drinking water may fail in certain parts. Many of the ordinary sources of supply are already exhausted, but it is hoped that by taking timely precautions in building new wells, and obtaining a plentiful supply of Norton's Tube wells, this danger may be averted. About 150,000 people in the Bellary district are now dependent on relief in some form or other.

Swatow.

Jan. 4, 1877.

Arrivals.—Dec. 29, Namos from Hongkong, Yesso from Coast Ports; 31, Swatow from Shanghai, Hammonia from Chefoo, Condor from Chefoo; Jan. 1, Olympia from Shanghai, Hallooing from Hongkong, Fei Yune (H.I.C.M.S.), from Foochow; 2, Fu Yew from Shanghai, Douglas from Coast Ports, Cheong Hook Kian from Hongkong, Rubicon from Chefoo; 3, M. A. Dixon from Chefoo.

Departures.—Dec. 29, Caroline for Takao, Namos for Coast Ports, Namos for Hongkong; 30, Yesso for Hongkong, Madagascar for Singapore; Jan. 1, Hallooing for Coast Ports; 2, Douglas for Hongkong, Fu Yew for Hongkong; 3, Cheong Hook Kian for Amoy; 4, Swatow for Shanghai, Olympia for Hongkong, Fei Yune (H.I.C.M.S.) for Amoy.

Vessels in Port.—Steamer: Montgomeryshire for Singapore. Sailing vessels: Alexander Newton for Saigon, Hanta County for Changhai, Pelham for Amoy, Rubicon, M. A. Dixon, Hammonia, Condor, and Taiwatt. Men-of-war: H. I. C. M. S. Chen To and Ling Feng.

Police Intelligence.

(Both Both Magistrates.)

January 8, 1877.

A STRAGGLE.

John Williams, a seaman U. S. S. *Kearse*, was charged with being a straggler, and was ordered to be taken on board.

THEFTS.

Lam Ahing and Lo Ayuk, stone-cutters, were brought up for cutting stones at a quarry at Shek-long-tai which was reserved by Government. Fined \$5 each.

AN INDOLENT FRAUD.

Fung Fat and Chan Bat, hawkers, were again brought up to answer the charge of defrauding the To-chi shop, Canton, of a quantity of sausages and dried livers. The first practically admitted the charge, but urged that he was only assisting one Sham Ahone. The second defendant was asked to sell the meats and was to get 3 per cent commission. The first was sent to six months' hard labour, and was ordered to give security thereafter in \$100 for three months, in default of which to be brought to the knowledge of the Governor. The second defendant was sent to four months' hard labour for receiving stolen property.

A SUSPICIOUS CHARACTER.

Ohow Akew, a bricklayer, was found in possession of a bundle, which on being opened was discovered to contain a sword and a dagger. He was sent to six weeks' hard labour as a suspicious character.

TROUBLE-SOME BOATMEN.

Two runners to Chinese boarding houses and two boatmen were brought up for having gone on board the steamer *Namos* before she was properly anchored. The runners went on board to secure boarders, and the first had been convicted before. He was fined \$10; the others \$5 each.

ASSAULT.

U Fat Ying, a passenger by the steamer *Singapore* which arrived to-day, was charged with assaulting a fellow passenger named Ng Ahow. It appeared that the complainant, who had been in Australia for about 20 years, was returning to China and occupied the same tier of berths with the defendant, who had also been a long time in Australia—some 17 years. On the passage, the complainant missed a pair of socks and accused the defendant of the theft which he denied. On the arrival of the steamer here, the complainant saw the defendant put on a pair of socks which looked like his. He again accused him of the theft, when a quarrel ensued, in which the defendant struck the complainant on the cheek with a pole drawing knife. Fined 20 and half of the fine, if paid, to go to the complainant as compensation.

DISORDERLY MEAT.

Teang Aluk and Chan Aman were charged with killing a cow which was in a diseased state, and offering the meat for sale. The first defendant said the animal was his. He asked the second defendant to kill it for him. The first was fined \$10, and the second discharged.

CHINA.

SHANGHAI.

During the last fortnight the water at Hankow and Kiukiang has fallen rapidly, and only steamers drawing less than ten feet can proceed higher than Clympant Island.

We are glad to see that eleven gentlemen have been nominated to serve as Municipal Councillors for the ensuing year, so that there will be a contested election, which is always a good thing, as it evokes more interest in Municipal matters.

The water on the skating rink froze under the shelter of the North Bank on Monday night, and also under the shed in one place where it was protected from the wind; but the wind ruffled the surface too much in the open, for the frost to catch it. It would take very severe cold to freeze it in defiance of such a blow. Mats were put up along the North side yesterday, to obviate this inconvenience; if a chance occurs, as the Chinese predict, two or three weeks hence.

We hear that the *Lapwing* is likely to be repaired in Shanghai by Messrs. Fryd & Co. It is said that an examination of her hull shows her to be of magnificent workmanship throughout, to have withstood the strain she has done, without damage. She is of course very much damaged about the keel, showing what a severe hammering she has resisted, but the upper part of her hull is not strained or injured.

(Courier.)

We have important intelligence from Peking. Senor d'Espuna, the Spanish Minister, has broken off diplomatic relations with the Chinese Government and left the Capital, and the frigate *Carmen*, whose impending visit we have already announced, is to be accompanied by the entire fleet from the Sulu Archipelago, consisting of five vessels of fourteen men-of-war. The cause of the rupture is understood to be the unsettled claims of the Spanish Government respecting the case of the *Sorana*, which was wrecked (we believe) in 1864 upon the Formosan coast; but it is whispered that the Cuban difficulty is at the bottom of the affair. There is another rumour, for the authenticity of which we do not vouch, that M. de Prat has left the Government service. We also hear that the Russians have succeeded in opening the navigation of the Chinese part of the Amur river.

It has for some time been understood that the American Post Office at Shanghai would be discontinued on the 1st January inst., in consequence of the withdrawal of the Pacific Mail Co's steamers and their transfer to the Mitsui Bishi Co. We have now received semi-official information that the power of authority authorising the transfers in question has been revoked, and that the Post Office will be continued as heretofore.

Last night (Jan. 1st) about ten o'clock, the flooring of one of the filmy Chinese shanties in a lane leading from the Rue du Consulat to the Yang-king-pang was discovered to be on fire. The exact origin of the accident is, we believe, unknown; but it was at first trifling. The wood, however, burnt for a long time before any attempt was made on the part of the neighbours to put it out, and soon the blaze spread to the house next door. Some sailors who were on the spot then began to try, with more zeal than success, to pull one of the houses down; but by this time the fire had got considerable hold upon the buildings and an alarm was given at the Central Station. The bell was soon set pealing, and crowds of natives rushed pell-mell to the scene of the conflagration. It did not take long for the houses on the opposite side of the narrow gully to catch fire, and they were all soon burning fiercely. The wood was as dry as tinder, and there was just enough wind to fan the flames into a yet stronger blaze. Showers of brilliant sparks were wafted in a great rose-coloured fountain across the blue sky, while the view from the Rue du Consulat, looking up the lane, was most remarkable. The flames which were destroying the houses on both sides, seemed to meet in the middle of the thoroughfare, presenting the appearance of a solid wall of fire; while in the meantime they were steadily eating their way through the shanties on the eastern side, and threatening the row of houses in the next alley. For a long time it was impossible to cope with the fire, owing to the want of water. As all-luk would have it, the Yang-king-pang creek was absolutely dry, and although the engines and fire-companies were in attendance with commendable promptitude, they were, for a long time, helpless. All this time the scene in the surrounding streets was really very painful. Men, women and children were hurrying distractedly to and fro, weeping and bewailing their misfortunes bitterly. One poor man was clamorously informing everybody, in French, that he had

lost two hundred dollars—presumably his all. "Doux cent piastres, monsieur!" he cried continuously, to anybody he could get to listen to him; "avez-vous ce que c'est, que deux-cent piastres?" The road was meanwhile piled up on both sides with heaps of household furniture, tables, bundles wonderful and innumerable, and treasures of all descriptions; and what with the tramping of the firemen, the hoarse shouts of the Chinese as they rushed out of their burning houses laden with miscellaneous cargo, and the shrieks of the women, the confusion was about complete. At last people began to enquire as to the whereabouts of the Hook and Ladders, as it became clearer every minute that they, and they only, could be of any service. They eventually arrived, rather late, and did good service in arresting the further progress of the flames; but not until after a deal of damage had resulted. The pecuniary loss, we fancy, must have been altogether considerable; and the destruction of the unfortunate creatures who were burnt into extremity. When we visited the scene this afternoon the ruins were still smouldering; and yet, strange to say, from some of the charred timbers, which were as black as fire could make them, hung a fringe of icicles. It is some time since we have seen a fire, and now that dry cold weather has set in, it will be as well to keep a sharp lookout. The fire season is commencing.

CHEFOO.

Dec. 28th.

A correspondent says the question of the gold fields of Shanang, especially in the neighbourhood of Chefoo, is again attracting attention owing to a native digger having quite recently found a nugget of gold weighing nine catties and a half at Chi-hia. A few more finds of this sort would go a long way to prove that the auriferous character of the soil of Shanang is really what has been contended for by the progress element in China, and that if liberty were allowed to dig for gold, abundant riches would flow in to gladden the hearts of the famine-struck population of the North of China.

The news from the stricken districts is deplorable. People are said to be dying from famine, in thousands.—*N. C. D. News*

The Straits.

(Singapore Times.)

The British steamer *Arratoon* which arrived from Swatow on the 24th instant, has imported from that port 808 Chinese coolies.

The S. S. *Eastern Isles* about whose safety some anxieties were felt, has been safely arrived, arrived here safely. Her late arrival was due to her having run short of coal on the voyage which necessitated her running to the coast for a supply of firewood.

The Detached Squadron now in the harbour and which was only awaiting the arrival of the P. & O. mail steamer from Hongkong before its departure for Portsmouth round the Cape of Good Hope, will leave here to-morrow (Dec. 27th).

Messrs Syme & Co., Agents for the Manila line of mail steamers have received a telegram from Hongkong.

"Marine" mails left Typhoon. Send duplicates.

This might be read as if the steamer had been lost and not even mails saved; but reading it in the light of another telegram which the Spanish Consul has received, we think that only a portion of the mails in a deck cabin has been lost. At 10 to-day (Dec. 26th) a telegram was sent to Hongkong for further particulars but up to going to press no reply had been received.

Just upon going to press we are glad to state a telegram was received announcing the safety of the S. S. *Maricela*. She arrived at Manila on the 20th instant. In the typhoon which she experienced her decks were swept and the portion of the mail in the Captain's cabin was washed away.

We regret to announce the death, in his 41st year, of His Highness Tunka abdullah bin Ibrahim, the brother of His Highness the Maharajah of Johore.

We understand the Home Government have advised the local Government to raise a loan for the purpose of relieving the Colony from the embarrassments which it has had to contend against owing to the large sums which from time to time have been advanced to the Native States out of its treasury. The loan will, no doubt, be raised in these Settlements.

H. M. steamer *Kingdome*, Commander Singleton, anchored in the roads this morning (Dec. 27th) from Hongkong, en route homewards.

The Detached Squadron under the command of Rear Admiral Rowley Lambart, O.B., took its departure for Plymouth this morning (Dec. 27th) via the Cape of Good Hope.

His Excellency the Governor, accompanied by Captain Paton, A.D.C., paid a visit yesterday evening (Dec. 26th) to H. L. C. M. A. sawcorvette *Fang Woo*, Captain P. Luxmore, R.N., lying in the roads, and was saluted with 17 guns, which salute was immediately returned from Fort Canning.

An adjourned inquest has been held on the bodies of two male Chinese, who were shot by the Police at the New Market Station during the riot on the 18th instant. From the evidence it appears that at 9.30 a.m. on the 16th instant, a large number of Chinese attacked the Police at the New Market Station. The small body of Police there finding themselves in danger at first fired several shots into the air, but this instead of causing the Chinese to retire had the opposite effect, and they came as far as the door of the Station throwing bricks and whatever they could get hold of at the Police. One of the bricks that were thrown knocked down the Police Constable, and the Sergeant in charge and his men, the Police Constables were also hit with bricks at the same time thrown by the mob. The Sergeant then gave the order to fire direct at them, when two were killed and one wounded. On the arrival of Inspector Richards with more Police the mob dispersed. From the evidence of Dr. Anderson the deaths in both cases were caused by gun shot wounds and must have been instantaneous. Verdict, "justifiable homicide." At the conclusion of the inquest the jurors unanimously agreed to the following resolution:—

"We, the Jurors, are unanimously of opinion that the Police under Sergeant

Dadameah at the New Market Station on the 18th December 1876 behaved with great circumspection and also showed great forbearance towards the Chinese rioters in the manner in which they carried out their duties."

Australian Items.

Sydney, December 7.—The great cricket match between the All England eleven and the Sydney team commenced to-day. Ten thousand spectators were present. The All England went first to the wickets, and had six wickets down for 83 runs. Jupp was ill.

Later.—The English cricketers are all out for a hundred and twenty-three (123) runs. Second innings, one hundred and six (106).

December 8.—The New South Wales team are all out in their first innings for eighty-one (81).

The *Cooktown Courier* has the following hit at the lawyers:—

There was rather a scene in Court last Wednesday. Mr Cooper, the barrister, appeared for a client in the capacity of attorney, and the opposing lawyer, Mr Morgan, during the progress of the case, objected to his doing so. Mr Morgan pressed his point; the Bench assumed an air of profound wisdom and deep sorrow, and didn't want to have anything to do with it. Mr Morgan became vehement; the Bench thought he should have taken his objection at the beginning of the case, they didn't think it had anything to do with them, they didn't want to rule, and they didn't want to have the objection taken down. Mr Morgan became still more vehement—in fact reprehensibly so—and the Bench sorrowfully expostulated with him. Mr Cooper pointed out that the objection would have to be taken down; Mr O'Reilly added his opinion on the matter in dispute as *amicus curiae*; and the Bench, while still struggling to preserve an air of wisdom, looked thoroughly puzzled. Finally, Mr Cooper, practically admitting that he had no right to appear as an attorney, sat down, remarking that the business did not pay him. We have no personal ill-will to Mr Cooper, and we do not wish to hurt his feelings, but for the public benefit, we are glad to learn that it does not pay him. Four attorneys are enough for this unhappy town.

It takes the land, to hastening work a prey, When lawyers multiply and men decay.

We notice that a pawkah is being fixed in the Court House, for the benefit of His Honor Judge Sheppard, during the sitting of the approaching Circuit Court. We are glad to see that it is being hung well forward and will cool the lawyers sitting at the table. They need it.

THE RIOTS AT BARBADOES.

The Special Commission sent out from England to Barbadoes, says the *Singapore Times*, to try Mr Pope Hennessy's rioters was opened on the 12th October by Mr Lushington Phillips, the Acting Chief Justice for the time being, and his sittings terminated on the 21st October. In the nine days the Court sat, 181 cases were disposed of and 450 prisoners were dealt with. Out of the 450 persons in the calendar, 298 were discharged; 15 failed to surrender to their bail; 17 were sentenced to penal servitude, 30 to imprisonment with hard labour; and the grand jury ignored all bills against 12 persons. The white persons, and at the conclusion Judge Phillips addressed them in the following curious terms:—

"Gentlemen,—You have been kept a long time from your usual avocations, and must have suffered inconvenience, and really I see no necessity here for the intervention of a grand jury between the Crown as prosecutor and the open Court. I have been on the Bench for 20 years in a colony where grand juries are unknown, and I have heard of her having made baby clothes for the little children who should rise at the Resurrection. She had given witness a copy of a work entitled 'Narrative of Seven Years' Religious Persecution, including Miss Neville's sufferings during that period.' The housekeeper of the deceased, who was examined for the plaintiff, admitted in cross-examination that some of the baby clothes prepared by Miss Neville for the babies who should rise at the Resurrection were only big enough to fit a little figure such as could be bought in a toy-shop. She had also made clothes for grown-up people. She said to witness there ought to be plenty to give the people who should rise at the Resurrection, for they would be hungry. The hearing of the case was resumed on Tuesday, when some of the very small articles of clothing prepared by the testatrix for the babies that should rise at the first resurrection were produced in Court. They included trousers about five inches long, three inches wide, with jackets, yellow-tailed coats, chemises, and a great variety of other articles of corresponding dimensions. The evidence, however, as to the testatrix's capacity on general business matters was, his lordship said, overwhelming, and, after consultation, an agreement was come to, by which the will was established, the plaintiff agreeing to accept \$2,600 from the defendant for his (the plaintiff's) interest then to be transferred to the defendant, who is also to pay all costs.

OUR NEW ATTORNEY GENERAL.

(Singapore Times.)

Referring to the hurried paragraph in yesterday's paper regarding the well-deserved tribute paid by the Bar to His Honor, the Chief Justice Phillips, on his approaching departure for Hongkong, we are now enabled to give, as promised, an exact copy of the address of the Bar—as represented by the Attorney-General, and the reply of His Honor.

The Attorney-General, Mr Braddell, addressed His Lordship in the following words as nearly as can be remembered:—

"As it is understood that this is the last time your Lordship will appear on the Bench of this Court, at least for the present, the Members of the Bar desire through me to say a few words of farewell. In your Lordship, the Bar will have to regret the loss of a Judge in whom all have confidence; one in whom the judicial mind is at its highest development; one who is calm, dispassionate, and acute; patient, courteous, and of gentle manner, without weakness; learned in law and of great experience of the world, in fact, one with all the qualities of a great Judge. In losing such a Judge it is natural that the Bar were most brought into contact with you, and that you should be appreciated and

qualities, should regret for themselves, as well as for the community at large, the loss they are about to sustain. While, however, it is open for us to regret such a loss it is not open for us to regret a change which may be advantageous to your Lordship personally, and I can assure your Lordship that wherever you go you will carry with you the earnest good wishes of the members of this Bar, and our best hopes for the future health, happiness and prosperity of yourself and of your amiable and respected Lady, to whom the members of the Bar request your Lordship to convey this expression of their good wishes."

Mr Justice Phillips addressed the Bar as follows:—

"My Attorney-General and gentlemen, I am exceedingly obliged to you for assembling to take leave of me and for what has just been said. It was quite unexpected and I fear too flattering to myself. When I arrived here a perfect stranger, you, Mr Attorney-General, on my first taking my seat on the Bench, on behalf of the Bar, kindly welcomed me amongst you. I then stated that I hoped we should be able to work harmoniously together, and that I should have the co-operation of the members of the profession in upholding the dignity of the Bench and the independence of the Bar, and so be enabled to conduct the duties of my office in such a way as to serve the Colony efficiently, and to maintain the respect of the community for judicial institutions. This hope has been amply fulfilled, so far as the aid of the Bar has been concerned, both here and in Penang. We have always worked harmoniously together. I have nothing to complain of against any member of the profession. I have to thank you for the manner in which you have listened to me. My judgments have been treated with respect; and although it is impossible to satisfy every one, my object has always been to do the best I could for all parties and to uphold the character and dignity of the Bench. It is therefore very gratifying to me to be assured by you, with whom I have been brought most immediately into contact, that I have succeeded so far, and that I am permitted, from your assurances, to leave the colony with the proved conviction that I have earned your respect and esteem, and with the hope that I have succeeded in obtaining the confidence of its community. I beg to thank you most heartily as well on my wife's account as on my own for the good wishes you have expressed for our future welfare."

EXTRAORDINARY DELUSIONS.

A case of singular interest has been heard in the Probate Court, Dublin, before Judge Warren and a special jury. A Miss Mary Ann Neville, a lady of advanced age, died in January last, leaving property worth \$400 a year to a cousin and nephew. The validity of the will was impeached by Francis Geary, a relative, on the ground that she was not of testamentary capacity at the time, and that she did not know and did not approve of the contents of the will. The defence relied on the fact that Miss Neville held peculiar religious views, and especially that she was a strong believer in the restoration of the Jews to their native land, and in the second coming of Christ. His own personal belief in the coming of the Messiah. She had prepared a banner, worked with her own hand, under which she was to lead the children of Israel back into Idumea. She had even put herself into communication with the Government of Egypt on the subject. The plaintiff, on the other hand, while admitting the peculiarity and even the extravagance of her views on religious subjects, contended that in business matters she was remarkably clear and sensible, and this view was strongly supported by the letters produced. The witnesses examined in support of the will included Mr. Blackburne, Q.C., who deposed that in his opinion the testatrix was perfectly competent to make a will. She had spoken to him on religious subjects, about the Jews and about the second coming of Christ, but he generally tried to get rid of the subject. He had heard of her having made baby clothes for the little children who should rise at the Resurrection. She had given witness a copy of a work entitled 'Narrative of Seven Years' Religious Persecution, including Miss Neville's sufferings during that period.' The housekeeper of the deceased, who was examined for the plaintiff, admitted in cross-examination that some of the baby clothes prepared by Miss Neville for the babies who should rise at the first resurrection were only big enough to fit a little figure such as could be bought in a toy-shop. She had also made clothes for grown-up people. She said to witness there ought to be plenty to give the people who should rise at the Resurrection, for they would be hungry. The hearing of the case was resumed on Tuesday, when some of the very small articles of clothing prepared by the testatrix for the babies that should rise at the first resurrection were produced in Court. They included trousers about five inches long, three inches wide, with jackets, yellow-tailed coats, chemises, and a great variety of other articles of corresponding dimensions. The evidence, however, as to the testatrix's capacity on general business matters was, his lordship said, overwhelming, and, after consultation, an agreement was come to, by which the will was established, the plaintiff agreeing to accept \$2,600 from the defendant for his (the plaintiff's) interest then to be transferred to the defendant, who is also to pay all costs.

MOODY AND SANKEY'S HYMNS.

(New York Nation.)

In the October number of the *American Church Review*, in an article on "Church Music," Dr Morgan Dix, after quoting the dictum of the late Norman Macleod that "American music is chiefly 'Yankee Doodle,'" declares that it is to eliminate the foreign element and to consider only the indigenous product, "we arrive at a sprightly growth of little sing-song tunes, having a kind of sentimental flavor or a certain briskness and elation, and set to words in keeping with the lightness of the composition; we come to a school of music represented on its religious side by Sankey's 'Gospel Hymns.' And in the course of a careful study of the religious songs of this type Dr Dix found 'There is a land of pure delight' set to the singularly secular tune 'Drink to me only with thine eyes.' Again, he detected 'God's temple crowns the holy mount' adapted to 'Ponce de Leon,' his throb and 'Hark, hark, my soul, angels' notes are swelling; to 'The air of La Suisse' as a word on 'La Suisse, Saviour of my soul,' to 'When the swallows homeward fly. All this reminds one irresistibly of the little boy who wanted to know if 'With verdant shades was the same as the' 'Wearing of the

green." There is, of course, nothing new about it. Long ago it was allowed that the Devil ought not to have all the best tunes to himself, and recent numbers of *Notes and Queries* have contained ample evidence of the application to which he has been subjected. Thus, the tune "Balmont," for instance, is Haydn's "My mother bids me bind my hair"; "Crabbrook" is from "Come all, my jolly sailors all," and a third popular hymn-tune from "The Devil among the tailors." It is noted also that in 1590 the Scotch reformers, finding the people greatly attached to their profane songs, deliberately provided "gude and godly songs to be sung to the same tune." Sometimes the first stanza of the old song was retained, the other stanzas being tagged to it like the moral to a tale in the "Gesta Romanorum." One quaint specimen may be quoted:

"What's at my window, who, who?
Gae from my window, gae, gae;
Who calls there so like an stranger?
Gae from my window, gae, gae."
"Lord, I am heir an wretched mortal
That for thy mercy dies and call
Merry to have thou art not worthy,
Gae from my window, gae, gae."

Quotations.

HONGKONG, Jan. 8, 1877.

OPIMUM.—New Patna, cash...\$587 1/2
" credit, 690
" New Benares, cash, 655
" credit, 655
" New Malwa, cash, 655
" credit, 650
" Allowance Teela, 40 c 56
" Old Malwa, cash, 670
" credit, 675
" Allowance Teela, 37 c 45
GAMPOR... 20 1/2 a 20 1/2
SALTPETRE... 5.20 c 5.70
QUICKSILVER... 70 1/2 a 71

Exchange.

Bank, on demand, ... 4 1/2
" 30 days sight, ... 4 3/4
" 6 months sight, ... 4 3/4
Credit, ... 4 3/4
Documentary, 6 months sight, ... 4 3/4
Bombay, ... 231
Calcutta, ... 231
Shanghai, demand, ... 75
" 30 days, ... 70 1/2 a 77
Bar Silver, 17, dwts. 3, ... 8 1/2
Sycee, ... 7 1/2
Mexicans, ... 24.70
Gold Leaf, ... 4.82
English Sovereigns, ... 4.82
Australian Sovereigns, ... 12 1/2
Discounts, ... 12 1/2

Shares.

Hongkong Bank, 23 1/2
H. K. Fire Ins. Co., \$587 1/2
China Trade Ins. Co., \$166
China Fire Ins. Co., \$1700
Union Ins. Society of Canton, \$680
Chinese Insurance Co., \$810
Yong Wah Ins. Co., \$11.875
Yong Wah Ins. Association, \$11.875
H. K. W. Dock Co., \$11.875
H. K. O. & M. S. Boat Co., \$10.40
Shanghai Steam N. Co., \$11.875
Hongkong Hotel Co., \$52 1/2
Chinese Imperial Loan, \$20

Temperature.

(Taken at Messrs Falconer & Co's Premises, Queen's Road.)

HONGKONG, Jan. 8, 1877.
BAROMETER—9 A.M. ... 30.420
Do. 1 P.M. ... 30.450
Do. 4 P.M. ... 30.368
THERMOMETER—9 A.M. ... 60
Do. 1 P.M. ... 63
Do. 4 P.M. ... 60 1/2
Do. (Wet bulb) 9 A.M. 56
Do. Do. 1 P.M. 58
Do. Do. 4 P.M. 58 1/2
Do. Maximum ... 63
Do. Minimum over night, 57

Shipping Intelligence.

ROME SHIPPING.

The following is taken from the latest London Papers:—

DEPARTURES.
June 9, Aurora, from Richmond, U. S. to Hongkong.
Sept. 1, Bertha, from Hamburg to Hongkong.
Sept. 2, Frederik, from Cardiff to Hongkong.
Sept. 8, McNear, from Cardiff to Hongkong.
Sept. 14, Tyburnia, from London to Hongkong.
Sept. 16, Sarah Nicholson, from London to Hongkong.
Sept. 16, Western Belle, from Cardiff to Hongkong.
Sept. 17, Palestine, from London to Hongkong.
Sept. 18, A. T. Stalknecht, from Cardiff to Hongkong.
Sept. 23, Agnes Muir, from London to Shanghai.
Oct. 8, Belle of Oregon, from Cardiff to Hongkong.
Oct. 8, Vega, from Hamburg to Chefoo.
Oct. 8, Glamorganshire, from London to Hongkong.
Oct. 12, Omaha, from London to Shanghai.
Oct. 14, Sir Harry Parker, from London to Hongkong.
Nov. 12, Lima, from London to Hongkong.
Nov. 13, Rurik, from Cardiff to Hongkong.
Nov. 14, Egeria (str.), from London to China and Japan.
Nov. 16, Hydra, from Cardiff to Hongkong.
Nov. 16, Melanesia (str.), from Liverpool to Shanghai.
Nov. 16, Benary (str.), from Glasgow to China and Japan, via London.
Nov. 17, Oeandrea (str.), from Hamburg to Shanghai.
Nov. 17, Elina Shaw, from London to Shanghai.
Nov. 21, America, from Cardiff to Hongkong.
Nov. 23, Braemar Castle (str.), from London to Shanghai.

LOADING FOR CHINA AND JAPAN PORTS.
At London.—Steamers via Suez Canal.
Galley of Lorne. Glenroy.
Cyphrenes.

Sailing Vessels.
Western Chief. Albert Victor.
Carrietta. Chiffman.
At Liverpool.
Achilles (str.). Stentor (str.).
At Glasgow.
Leopold Castle (str.).

Mails.

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamer CITY OF TOKYO, will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on MONDAY, the 15th January, 1877, at 3 p.m., taking Passengers, and Freight, for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Passenger Tickets, and Bills of Lading are issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, and to New York and Europe via OVERLAND RAILWAYS.

A Steamer of the Mitsui Bishi S. S. Company will leave Shanghai, via the Island Sea Ports, about same date, and make close connection at Yokohama.

At New York, Passengers have selection of various lines of Steamers to England, France and Germany.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. 14th Proximo. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 16, Praya Central.

G. B. EMORY, Agent.
Hongkong, December 15, 1876. jals

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTES FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT SAID, NAPLES, AND MARSEILLES; ALSO, PONDICHERY, MADRAS AND CALCUTTA.

ON THURSDAY, the 11th January, 1877, at Noon, the Company's S. S. RINDE, Commandant RAFAEL, with MALES, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping orders will be granted till noon, Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m. Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 10th January, 1877. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required. For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

H. DU POUY, Agent.
Hongkong, January 8, 1877. jall



STEAM FOR Singapore, Penang, Point de Galle, Aden, Suez, Malta, Brindisi, Ancona, Venice, Mediterranean Ports, Southampton and London; ALSO, Bombay, Madras, Calcutta and Australia.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship GEELENG, Captain FRASER, will leave this on THURSDAY, the 18th January, at Noon.

For further Particulars, apply to A. MOIVER, Superintendent.
Hongkong, January 8, 1877. jals

Occidental & Oriental Steam-Ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE, IN CONNECTION WITH THE CENTRAL and UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING RAILROAD COMPANIES AND ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. "GALICIA" will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on THURSDAY, the 1st February, at 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for Japan, the United States and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of 31st Instant. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Return Passage Tickets available for 6 months are issued at a reduction of 20 per cent. on regular rates.

For further information as to Freight of Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 16, Praya Central.

G. B. EMORY, Agent.
Hongkong, January 2, 1877. jall

WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.)

WASHBURN'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now ready at this Office—Price \$1 each.

China Mail Office.

Insurances.

THE SCOTTISH IMPERIAL INSURANCE CO.

THE Underigned having been appointed Agent, in Hongkong, for the above-named Company, is prepared to grant Policies against Fire, on Buildings and on Goods, to the extent of £10,000, at the usual rates, subject to an immediate discount of 20%.

Attention is invited to a considerable reduction in Premium for Life Insurance in China.

Life Policies effected during the year 1876, share in the Bonus to be declared on 31st December for the quinquennial period then ending.

A. MACG. BRANTON,
Hongkong, September 27, 1876.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Saigon and Penang.

Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance granted at the rates of Premium current at the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEE.
JAS. B. COUGHERIE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

LANOASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Underigned are prepared to grant Policies against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on Goods in Mahabada, on Goods on-board Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Insurance will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals or any other information, apply to ARNOLD, KARBURG & Co.

Agents Hongkong & Canton.
Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

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THE Underigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

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HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
Hongkong, October 14, 1866.

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Policies at current rates payable either here, in London or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia.

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HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

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Intimations.

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The above are some of the Agents; others will be published, when they are ascertained. Negotiations are in progress with the express carriers who carry the official despatches and Peking Gazette, to circulate the Chinese Mail in the interior of China.

Hongkong, March 10, 1874.

Intimations.

EXPOSITION UNIVERSELLE 1876.

THE CONSUL for FRANCE has the honour to inform those Persons who wish to take part in the intended Exhibition, that they will find at the Consulate all Information and Particulars they may require.

For the Consul,
G. BOULOUZE, Vice-Consul.
Hongkong, December 18, 1876.

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Hongkong, July 17, 1876.

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THE Municipal Commissioners of Penang are desirous of receiving DESIGNS for a TOWN-HALL. This Building is to be erected on the ground on the east side of the Esplanade situated between the latter and Duke Street, and its cost is not to exceed \$30,000.

The Commissioners offer a PREMIUM of \$400 for the best and most suitable Design with Specifications; and competitors have the option of forwarding Tenders for carrying out the work.

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For further information apply to the Secretary to the Municipal Commissioners at Penang.

D. C. PRESGRAVE,
Municipal Secretary.
Penang,
Municipal Office,
The 21st September, 1876.

THE CHINESE MAIL.

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CHUN AYIN,
Manager.
Hongkong, February 23, 1874.

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Hongkong, November 13, 1876.

P. F. DA SILVA,
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FROM and after the Chinese New Year's day (February 17, 1874) the Chinese Mail will be issued DAILY instead of TWICE WEEKLY as heretofore. No change, however, will be made in the price of subscription, which will remain at \$4 per annum.

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China Mail Office,
17th February, 1874.

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Corrected to Saturday, January 6, 1877.
At 1080 Cash per Dollar Mexican.

Prices Highest Lowest Cash.

Butcher Meat.

Bacon, English, lb. 450 400
" Ama Sugar cured, 300 280
" Foochow, 180 160

Beef, sirloin and prime cut, cy. 160 150
Beef Corned, catty 150 140
" Roast, 150 140

" Soup, 90 80
" Steak, 150 140
Bullocks' Brains, per set 60 50

" Tongue, fresh, each 275 250
" " corned, 320 300
" Head, 600 500

" Heart, 150 140
" Feet, 50 40
" Kidneys, 60 50

" Tail, 100 90
" Liver, catty 80 60
" Tripe (undressed), catty 50 40

Calves' Head and Feet, set 500 400
Hams, American, lb. 350 —
" Chinese, 225 200

" English, 380 340
Mutton Chop, 160 150
" Leg, 160 150

" Shoulder, 140 120
" Liver, 180 120
Pigs' Chittlings, catty 60 50

" Feet, 100 90
" Fry, 110 100
" Head, 90 80

" Heart, 60 50
" Kidneys, 80 70
" Liver, lb. 100 80

Fore Chop, catty 150 140
" Corned, 180 120
" Leg, 160 150

" Fat or Lard, 110 100
Sheep's Head and Feet, set 340 320
" Heart, each 50 40

" Kidneys, 80 70
Smoking Pigs, 1750 1000
Veal, 140 120

Poultry.

Capon, catty 180 160
Ducks, 110 100
Geese, 120 110

Partridges, each 250 230
Pheasants, Canton, live, pair \$2.00 —
" Shanghai, dead, 600 500

Pigeons, each 150 140
Quail, 70 60
Snipe, 110 100

Rabbits, 500 —
Teal, 150 140
Turkeys, Cook, catty 550 500

" Hen, 400 350
Wild Duck, pair 600 500
" Geese, each 500 —

Woodcock, 500 —
Bombay Ducks, new per hundred 350 300
Bream, catty 100 80

Carp, 90 80
Catfish, 90 80
Codfish, Salt, 200 —

Crabs, 100 90
Cuttle Fish, 90 80
Dace, 100 80

Kale, Fresh-water, 180 110
" Onger, 60 50
File Fish, 90 80

Fresh Fish, Large 150 140
" Small 120 110
Frogs, 160 100

Garoupe, 160 150
Gudgeon, 100 90
Haddock, 100 90

Herrings, 100 90
" smoked, box \$1.00 —
Live Fish, catty 150 140

Lobsters, 70 60
Oysters, 130 120
Pike Fish, 140 130

Perch, 70 60
Pomfret, 120 110
Prawns, 120 110

Ray, 100 90
Roach, 120 110
Rock Fish, 160 150

Salmon, Canton, 120 110
" Saltwater, 140 —
" Pickled, 200 —

Salt Fish, catty 120 100
Shark, young 80 70
Shrimps, 50 40

Skate, 80 60
Snappers, 80 70
Snipe Fish, 80 70

Soles, Fresh 60 50
Tench, 100 90
Turbot, 180 110

Turtles, Small 330 300
Asparagus, 450 400
Bamboo Shoots, catty 100 80

Beans, sprout, 14 12
" Broad, 40 30
" French from Macao, 50 —

Beet Root, each 12 10
Brussels, catty 12 10
Cabbage, White